

## **REMARKS**

### INTERVIEW

Applicant's below signed representative would like to thank Examiner Tran for the courtesies extended to him during the Interview on September 14, 2005 in the above-identified case.

### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

As discussed during the Interview, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 15 to point out that the reading command sent by the first controller to the second controller causes the second controller to both read the image information stored in the memory and to transmit the read information to the first controller through the communication network.

This aspect of the present Invention is brought out in the paragraph bridging pages 17 and 18 as well as the paragraph bridging pages 19 and 20.

Thus, in the present Invention, the single read command signal which is sent by the first controller to the second controller causes the second controller to perform two functions, namely, to read information that is in the memory and communicate the read information to the first controller. Respectfully, the Prior Art neither teaches nor suggests this aspect of the present Invention.

#### PRIOR ART TATEYAMA

As discussed during the Interview, Tateyama teaches in paragraphs 465 and 466 that the first PC sends an end point and a start point to the second PC which causes the second PC to read its memory. The first PC then sends a second signal to the second PC telling the second PC that it can send the read information to the first PC. Thus, in Tateyama, he needs two signals in order to accomplish the transfer of data from the second PC to the first PC.

As noted above, Applicant's Invention performs two functions with one signal, whereas, Tateyama needs two signals to perform both functions.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 and 15, as well as their respective dependent Claims 4-8 and 18-22, are patentable over Tateyama as amended herein.

Claims 9 and 23 were previously amended to emphasize that the priority data is desired date and hour for finish. As discussed during the Interview, it is understood that the amendments to Claims 9 and 23 will make Claims 9 and 23 patentable over Tateyama. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the claims that depend upon Claims 9 and 23, i.e. Claims 11-14 and 25-28, are also patentable over Tateyama.

#### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should any fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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